



It is the mission of the Urbana Park District to:

- *Improve the quality of life of its citizens through a responsive, efficient, and creative park and recreation system,*
- *Pursue excellence in a variety of programs, parks, and special facilities that contribute to the attractiveness of neighborhoods, conservation of the environment, and the overall health of the community.*

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING
URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
7:00 PM
PLANNING & OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, IL 61802**

I. Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions

II. Public Comment

Any member of the public may make a brief statement at this time within the public participation rules of the Board.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the August 23, 2022 Meeting

IV. New Business

A. S.P.L.A.S.H. Program

V. Reports

- A. UPDAC Chair
- B. Board Representative
- C. Director's Report
- D. Capital Projects Report

Upcoming meetings:

***October 25, 2022
November 15, 2022
December – no meeting
January 24, 2023***

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn

*****This month's secretary is Amy Delahanty*****

Note: The Meeting Agenda and Supporting Materials are on the UPD website at <http://www.urbanaparks.org/documents/index.html>; choose the "Public Meetings" category and search for the meeting information you wish to download.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022
7:00 PM
MEADOWBROOK INTERPRETIVE CENTER
2802 S. RACE ST.
URBANA, IL 61802**

The meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) was held Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center at 7:00 pm. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the park district administrative office and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each member of the committee and by local newspapers, radio, and television stations at least forty-eight hours before the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Also available for inspection are all documents that were reviewed or approved at the meeting.

UPDAC Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ashley Withers, Chair	X	
Gary Ambler		X
Jonville Chenoweth		X
Reba Daniels	X	
Amy Delahanty	X	
David Dorman	X	
Kanittha Fay	X	
Ashley Moore		X
Bruce Rummenie	X – arrived late	
Rachel Spencer		X
Gary Stensland		X
Michael Stevenson	X	
Karl Weingartner		X

Others present:

Nancy Delcomyn, Commissioner
Cedric Stratton, Commissioner
Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation
Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning & Operations
Kelsey Beccue, Development Manager

I. Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions

UPDAC Chair, Ashley Withers, noted at 7:30 PM that there was no quorum, so no business could be officially conducted. Members present elected to proceed with non-action discussion items in the absence of a quorum.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2022 Meeting

Since there was no quorum, minutes were not approved at this point in the meeting. Members agreed to approve minutes later in the meeting if a quorum was achieved.

IV. New Business

A. UPDAC Year-in-Review

Kelsey Beccue presented a review of UPDAC activities over the last year. Major work areas were the Meadowbrook Park Playground planning process, and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Kelsey noted that UPDAC was heavily involved in the public input process for the new playground at Meadowbrook Park, with the group being consulted for feedback prior to each round of public input. UPDAC also engaged in feedback regarding the district's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives, and heard about Phase II of the Underrepresented Study, learned about the work of the Jettie Rhodes Committee, toured the new Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation Center in Champaign, and heard from the Champaign County Community Coalition.

B. Upcoming Programs and Projects

Next, Kelsey discussed the upcoming programs and projects for UPDAC over the next year. She noted that these are defined by the district's overall scope of work, and that topics are considered by the UPDAC Planning Study Group which consists of the UPDAC Chair, Board Representatives to UPDAC, the Executive Director, and the Development Manager.

Two of the major topics that will come up over the next year are updates on the agreement with the school district regarding the operation of the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center, an athletics and fields study to measure our field inventory and usage patterns. Other topics UPDAC will discuss include the SPLASH Program, natural areas, interpretation and exhibits, Kickapoo Rail Trail development and Weaver Park, UPD outreach initiatives, and an update on Phase II of the Diversity Lab Study.

Kelsey mentioned that while these are the planned areas of focus, flexibility is sometimes required as the district responds to needs in real-time, the COVID pandemic being a primary example. There is also time set aside in every meeting for

open discussion, where UPDAC members can share items that are not the topic of the meeting.

UPDAC Member Bruce Rummenie arrived, and with a quorum achieved, Ashley Withers called the meeting to order at 8:29 PM.

Ashley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022 UPDAC Meeting. David Dorman made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Michael Stevenson. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

V. Reports

A. UPDAC Chair

Ashley Withers reminded everyone to sign up for a turn to take the minutes for future meetings.

B. Board Representative

Commissioner Delcomyn reported on the C-U Symphony event at the Lake House to demonstrate the breadth of programs at the park district.

Commissioner Stratton reported that Jazz Walk would be coming up soon.

C. Director's Report

No report.

D. Capital Projects Report

Derek Liebert gave updates on the UPDAC Learning Pavilion and the Meadowbrook Park Playground. He noted that, due to its scale, the district would be contracting construction of the new playground at Meadowbrook, rather than doing it in-house. He mentioned that the Crystal Lake Park roadway is complete and work continues on a retaining wall. Next steps will be the walking path and pedestrian footbridge on Broadway, with a longer term plan to implement the one-way road concept.

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

David Dorman mentioned that UPDAC might like to hear about any partnerships the district has with the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, and staff responded that the highest profile partnership with the forest preserve district is the Kickapoo Rail Trail development.

Kanittha Fay expressed a wish to think about all the ways in which the district expresses culture. There was some discussion about ways to engage community youth with UPDAC. Ideas included reaching out to the Urbana High School's Civic Engagement Club and the Mayoral Program for Youth. Amy highlighted the necessity of UPDAC as a liaison with the public.

David inquired about the inclusion of food trucks at district events, and staff responded that food trucks have been included at some events, including the Crystal Lake Art Fair. Commissioner Stratton mentioned that any time you can bring food and music together at an event, it is a good draw for people.

Ashley Withers brought up the concept of communication boards at parks, and Derek said that there is one planned to be installed at the new Meadowbrook Park playground.

Reba mentioned the importance of the district's program guide for residents and families to connect and be informed about the district.

VII. Adjourn

Michael Stevenson made a motion to adjourn. Ashley Withers adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.